

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 6, 2018

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Gary Cameron, and Student Advisor, Barbara Hershberger, answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2018 meeting as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The State of City was presented today to the Rotary.
2. The Wal-Mart closing has been a big topic. The building was not owned by Wal-Mart. It was a lease. The Wal-Mart representative said this was a final decision. We immediately began doing all that we can in this matter.
3. We received word that Project Columbus is still in play. That is positive
4. Gracie Marlatt said she would like to extend her appreciation for the great relationship between the City and the Purdue County Extension. She said last year they celebrated their 100 year anniversary of the Purdue Extension in Rush County. Marlatt said in 1924 a booster club made up of Rushville business men gave a packet of seed corn to each of the members. She said that shows how far back our relationship with the City has been developing. She presented a memory book that was created to commemorate 100 years. Each year Purdue Extension puts together an annual report that is shared with the legislature. This was also shared with Council.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Copley said she received the 1782 Budget Order. Everything was approved except the Rainy Day Fund which was reduced by \$4,513.00. The engineering line item was reduced by that amount. Also the CCD budget was reduced by \$19,587.00. The infrastructure line item was reduced by that amount. Copley said the assessed value was up 3,527,995.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Council President Smith said he has not been able to speak to anyone from Bloomington regarding the chicken issue. Mayor Pavey said he spoke with Marvin Hedrick regarding Glenwood doing away with residents having chickens. Hedrick said he would be glad to talk to Council. Smith said he is determined to talk to someone from Bloomington. He asked Council if they wished to move forward. After some discussion Berkemeier made a motion to table indefinitely. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Smith voting “nay”.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Mayor Pavey said the old Boys and Girls Club is now known as “The Windsor”. This building and the Durbin are in the demolition process.

The Owner Occupied Rehab selection process is done. They are working through a lead paint issue.

We will be meeting with HWC on Friday to discuss an update on the Overlook project.

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Cameron said they had their roll out party. They need volunteers.
- **Marketing** – We are addressing our need for retail.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.
- **City Center** - The Board of Works approved claims for the completion of the ADA portion.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – Discussion will be held in the executive session after this meeting.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Signed a document stating that state funds will be used for the old fertilizer plant.
- **ECDC** – They have submitted for another project. We made the next round for Project Columbus.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker handed out the monthly statistics report.

They will be training on the body cameras the next couple of weeks. Watchgard will be coming in to configure the equipment. This system will allow the prosecutor to be able to dial in.

Tomorrow the Police Department and the State Police will be having a fund raiser with Papa Johns from 4:00-8:00 in the east parking lot. 15% of the proceeds will go to the Police Department and 15% will go to the State Police.

Fire – Assistant Chief Munson showed a picture of damage to a fire truck on January 19th which resulted from it being backed into a ditch. There was no structural damage. They are waiting on a quote from Fiarra. Since this incident Chief Jenkins has implemented a back-up policy for the large trucks.

Park – Director Burklow said he and his assistant went to a conference last week in Fort Wayne.

They are working to find a logging company to remove old trees that need to come down. Cameron asked if they would replace the trees. Burlkow said this has not been discussed yet.

Utilities - Les Day informed Council that the water main extension on 16th Street is complete. Spencer Street was looped in.

We have been dealing with the water lines downtown due to the work on the apartment buildings. New T's were put in last week.

They will be putting in service tomorrow for Casey's.

In a couple of weeks Tractor Supply will need to relocate a water main. During this time about 40 customers will be without water for a period of time while work is being done. The work should be completed in 1 day.

A T was cut into the north wellfield to improve the loss of water flow. The flow is now up to where it should be.

The school had an issue with sewage. The utilities cleaned out the lines which allowed some restrooms that were closed to open.

Street – Commissioner Miller said they are going to move from 4 trash routes a week to 3 routes. He handed out maps with the routes. Recycle pick-up will move from Friday to Thursday. The new schedule will begin the last week of February. They will be placing door hangers on the resident's doors.

Miller informed the Board that the pay to pick up trash program that was implemented last year had 22 participants and we raised \$905.00.

Animal – Mayor Pavey reported that Indy Humane has taken 10 cats and will continue to take them as long as they are friendly. They will take 8 more Monday.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **CGS Contract** – Mayor Pavey congratulated Lisa Carpenter for being promoted to head of sales. The contract with CGS was approved by the Board of Works. Newhouse will change wording to include the Insurance. This will be an additional cost to the City of approximately \$2,500.00. CGS has agreed to split ½ of that cost.
2. **Ordinance 2018-2 Amend Flood Hazard Area** – This was approved at the last meeting. The ordinance was passed around for signatures. A certified copy will be sent to DNR.
3. **Resolution 2018-3 Emerson SB1** – This will come before Council at the February 20th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Police Department Ordinance 2018-6** – Cameron moved to approve Ordinance 2018-6 amending police department fees. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Police Department Car Purchase** – Chief Tucker presented 2 quotes for the purchase of a 2018 Charger. The reserves would like car to replace their car #15 with the vehicle we were going to trade in (#5). They will pay the deficit between the trade-in of the vehicle. Tucker said he would like to purchase from Fletcher, which was the lower bid. Conner moved to purchase the 2018 Dodge Charger from Fletcher and trade in either the 2009 or 2012 Charger. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Park Department Advertise for Full Time Position** – Director Burklow asked to begin the process of advertising for a full time employee. He would like to take applications until the end of February. Copley informed Council that after paying the director and the assistant there would only be \$14,580 left in salary line item. Burklow said he would like to pay the new employee \$10.00 per hour and wanted that person to start the 2nd week of March. He said he had money in summer help and overtime that could be transferred. Cameron made a motion to allow Burklow to advertise for the position. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Smith voting “nay”.

CLAIMS: Bridges moved to approve the claims as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Conner moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 P.M.